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The Honorable Kay Granger  
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H-305, United States Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$5,374,939.18 for the Wise County and the City of Norton Public Safety Communication Equipment Upgrade project in fiscal year 2024. The funding would be used to purchase and install Statewide Agencies Radio System (STARS) radio equipment throughout 12 law enforcement and public safety agencies within Wise County and the City of Norton.

The entity to receive this funding is Wise County Sheriff's Office, with offices located at 5605 Patriot Drive, Wise, Virginia 24293.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would allow law enforcement and public safety agencies within Wise County and the City of Norton to become members of the STARS program, expanding the systems capabilities into far Southwest Virginia. Additionally, this funding would provide law enforcement and public safety agencies with a radio infrastructure system that is maintained by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The STARS system meets all federal requirements for interoperability for response and disaster recovery and connects all state and federal agencies working in Virginia.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely yours,

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH  
Member of Congress